

## THE POCAHONTAS TIMES

### Bethel Church History by

David N. Moore

For a number of years people of Bethel and surrounding communities worshiped in the different school houses. The old Moore school house, built out of logs and located a short distance from the Hosterman Road, was named for Jackson Moore. The Hoover school house, built on Abel Hoover's farm and named for him, was another place of worship and school. In later years it was replaced by a new building. Another school house named the Big Fill, located on Route 250 at the base of Cheat Mountain, got its name from a fill made in the road across the creek.

The above named school houses were the first to be built. In later years a school house was built on F. K. Moore's farm and named the Cherry Grove School because a number of cherry trees stood close by.

Two school houses were built in Hosterman; one in the town and the other one a short distance up the creek from town. They took their name from the town.

Also, at Boyer Siding a school house was used for a number of years or until the band mill finished sawing.

All of the above named places served a two-fold purpose, a place of worship and school too, but time brings vast changes, so as more people came into the different communities the need for a church was seen.

In the early spring of 1904, a few sawmill men who were doing some sawing for F. K. Moore, one beautiful Sunday evening made the remark that this would be a good time to go to church. Since there was no church to go to, it was decided that two men go up the road and two down to see if a church was wanted.

The men found everyone in favor of a church. No further plans of a place or size were decided between the Brethren and the Southern Methodist, so in the early summer of 1904 the Brethren began building their church on the Samuel Hevener farm and the church was dedicated late that summer.

This delayed the building of the Bethel Church for a time, but in the summer of 1905 a building committee was formed consisting of Ben Simmers, Wallace Curry, Thomas Houchin and Forrest K. Moore. This committee made plans as to location, size and building material being donated.

Forrest K. Moore gave one acre of ground for the church and cemetery. The present location of the church was the one selected for the building. In the early summer of 1906 carpenters began work on the new church. The head carpenter was Fred Mauzy and a helper, a Mr. Mullenax. By early fall it was completed and shortly thereafter was dedicated as the Southern Methodist Church. However, since the merger of the two branches, it is now a United Methodist Church.

In those days a dedication with a free dinner on the ground always drew a large crowd. People came in buggies, road wagons, horseback, and some walked ten miles or more, but not an auto was there. The dedicatorial sermon was preached by Rev. Jackson Lamber, of Maryland. The first preacher to serve on the Bethel charge was Rev. Albert Vandevender; the next was Rev. H. Q. Burr.

The church has recently been enlarged by the addition of four Sunday School rooms, a kitchen, running water, a modern furnace and aluminum siding was put on the outside for covering. The inside was covered with paneling. A new foundation of concrete blocks, a vestibule and a bell donated by Mrs. Lennie Nottingham was placed in the belfry. At first, chairs were used to seat the people but they proved unsatisfactory, so pews were added. A piano, tables, chairs and a library are used.

Well we know that Old Father Time brings vast changes in communities and churches. Of the large

crowd that attended the dedication, less than a dozen are alive today. All of the above named school houses are gone. A church built by the Progressive Brethren near the Hoover school house burned down. The Hevener Brethren Church stands idle for lack of enough members. A few members attend the Brethren Church at Durbin.

The Bethel Church needs more members. We have preaching each Sunday at 9:45 followed by Sunday School.

Mistakes have been made and are still being made in building churches. For lack of cooperation between the Methodist and Brethren, two churches were built while one would have served the needs of the members and saved cost and upkeep of two churches.

May the Bethel Church long continue to function as a place for Christians to worship their Maker and Redeemer while on earth and its influence shed a light on lost souls.



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### Settlers in Pocahontas County Before 1800

A special committee of the Pocahontas County Historical Society is completing the final work necessary to locate the cabin sites of the pioneers living in Pocahontas County before the year of 1800. A number of cabin sites have been found but there are still a large number of sites which have not been located.

Once all of the possible cabin sites are located, the sites will be permanently marked and the locations recorded at the Pocahontas County Courthouse. The committee has determined that the following settlers lived in Pocahontas County before the year 1800. The cabin sites of those names marked with an asterisk \* have already been located.

#### Buckeye-Marlinton-

##### Knapps Creek Area

Alderman, Ezekial, Aldridge, William, Sr., Baxter, John; Baker, Henry; Bradshaw, John; Bridger, James; Bridger, John; Brown, Joseph; Brown, Josiah; \*Buckley, Joshua; Cleek, Michael; Daugherty, Michael; Drinnon, Charles; \*Drinnon, Lawrence; \*Drinnon, Thomas; Ewing, John; Ewing, William; Friel, Jeremiah; \*Galford, Thomas, Sr.; \*Gay, Robert; Gregory, Knapp; Grimes, Felix; Holcomb, Timothy; Johnson, John; Kee, George; \*Lightner, Peter; Marlin Jacob; Matthews, Sampson; McCarty, Timothy; McCollum, William; McNeil, Thomas; Moore, Aaron; Moore, James;

Moore, John; Moore, Joseph; Moore, Levi, Sr.; \*Moore, Moses; Moore, Robert; Moore, William; Poage, James; \*Sewall, Stephen; Sharp, John; Sharp, William, Sr.; Slator, Patrick; Smith, John; Wanless, William; Webb, John; Waugh, James; Waugh, Samuel; Young, William.

#### Indian Forts

\*Drinnon Fort; \*Greenbrier Fort

#### Hillsboro-Mill Point Area

Beard, Josiah; Brinnell, James; Burgess, Nathan; Burgess, John, Jr.; Burnsides, John; Burnsides, James; Cackley, Valentine; \*Callison, James; Clendennin, William; Clendennin, Charles; Cochran, John; Cochran, Thomas; Day, David; Day, John; Day Nathaniel; David, Thomas; Davis, John; Dick, John; Edmiston, William; Evans, Griffith; Gilliland, Samuel; Gillion, Nathan; Hannah, David, Sr.; Harper, Henry; Hill, John; \*Hill, Richard; Hughes, Ellis; James, David; Jordan, John; \*Kinnison, Charles; Kinnison, David; Kinnison, Edward; Kinnison, Jacob; Lewis, James; Mayse, William; McGennis, John; McNeel, Abraham; McNeel, Isaac; \*McNeel, John; McNeil, Jonathan; Naylor, Oldham; Pennell, John; Poage, John; \*Poage, William; Salisbury, William; Scott, Thomas; Seybert, Jacob; Switzer, John; Waddell, Alexander; Waddell, William.

#### Indian Forts

Fort Austin, Fort Burnside, Fort Clendenen, \*Fort Day, (Fort Buckley), Fort Ellis.

#### Dunmore-Green Bank-Bartow Area

Arbogast, Adam; \*Bible, Jacob; \*Burner, Abram; \*Collins, John; \*Conrad, John H.; \*Cooper, James; Gillispie, Jacob; Griffin, Benona; Higgins, William; Hartman, Godlip; Ingraham, Abraham; Ingraham, Peter; Jarvis, Thomas; Kerney, James; \*Kerr, Daniel; McCartee, James; McKamey, James; \*Nottingham, William, Sr.; Rucker, James; Rucker, James, Jr.; Sitlington, Robert; \*Slaven, John; Sloan; \*Sutton, John, Sr.; Tallman, James; Tallman, Samuel; Taylor, William; Warwick, Andrew; Warwick, Jacob; \*Warwick, John; Warwick, John, Jr.; Warwick, William; \*Wooddell, Joseph; Wooddell, Thomas; \*Yeager, John.

#### Indian Forts

Mouth of Deer Creek Fort, Joseph Wooddell Fort, Warwick Fort at Clover Lick, Warwick Fort at Dunmore, \*Warwick Fort at Green Bank.

If you have any information on the above settlers or additional names to add to the list, please contact Larry Jarvinen, Chairman, 824 15th Avenue, Marlinton, W. Va. or any Pocahontas

Churches &  
Schools



No. : 30

Source :

"1) Dr. Susan A Price

Original in the possession of :

(2) source

(1) Society (Postcard)

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Two pictures on negative;

(1) Top: Marlinton school and Methodist Church

(2) Bottom: Court House



No. : 36  
(2 negatives)

Source :

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source

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file

Society

(Postcard)

Date :

Subject :

Methodist Church (wooden building)  
and school at Marlinton



SCHOOL BUILDING AND M. E. CHURCH, MARLINTON, WEST VIRGINIA

No. : 1212

Source :

Dr. N. R. Price

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

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Date :

Subject :

Marlinton school building, probably  
soon after completion





No. : 14711

No. : 1258

Source :

Dr N. R. Price

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

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file

Date : December

1894

Subject :

Interior of the  
Church decorated

Marlinton Presbyterian  
for Scott - Yeager was



No. : 1527

Source :

Susan A. Price  
Norman R. Price

Original in the possession of :

source

Society (Postcard)

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Date :

Subject :

Marlinton Presbyterian  
Present building

Church



1527



A black and white photograph of a street scene. On the left is a large, multi-story building with many windows. On the right, a group of people are standing on a dirt or gravel area. A white label with the number '1481' is in the top right corner.

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Presbyterian Church, Marlinton, W. Va.





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**Court House**

No. : 261

Source : (1) William

McNeel &  
(2) others

Original in the possession of :

(1) source

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file

Print located in :

Date : C. 1908

Subject :

Court House, Marlinton

(2) Society (Postcard)





No. : 744

Source :

Nancy Currence  
(Mrs. R. F.)

Original in the possession of :

source

Print located in :

albums

file

Society

Date :

Subject :

Court House, Marlinton





PHOTO BY GROVER  
MARLINTON, W. VA.

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N No. : 175-1

Source :

Dr. N. R. Price ph  
from W. P. McNeel

*negative*

O Original in the possession of :

source

Society

P Print located in :

albums

file

I Date :

S Subject :

Court House, Marlinton





No. : 1807

Source :

E. C. Bell

Original in the possession of :

source

Society (postcard)

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Pocahontas County Court House

Pocahontas County Court House, Marlinton, W. Va.





CHURCHES (not in towns) AND  
— CHURCH GROUPS

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

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file

Date : June 21, 1922

Subject :

Photo of people involved in  
laying ~~corner~~ cornerstone for  
Presbyterian Church





BEARD W. VA. 6-21-23  
PHOTO BY GAY



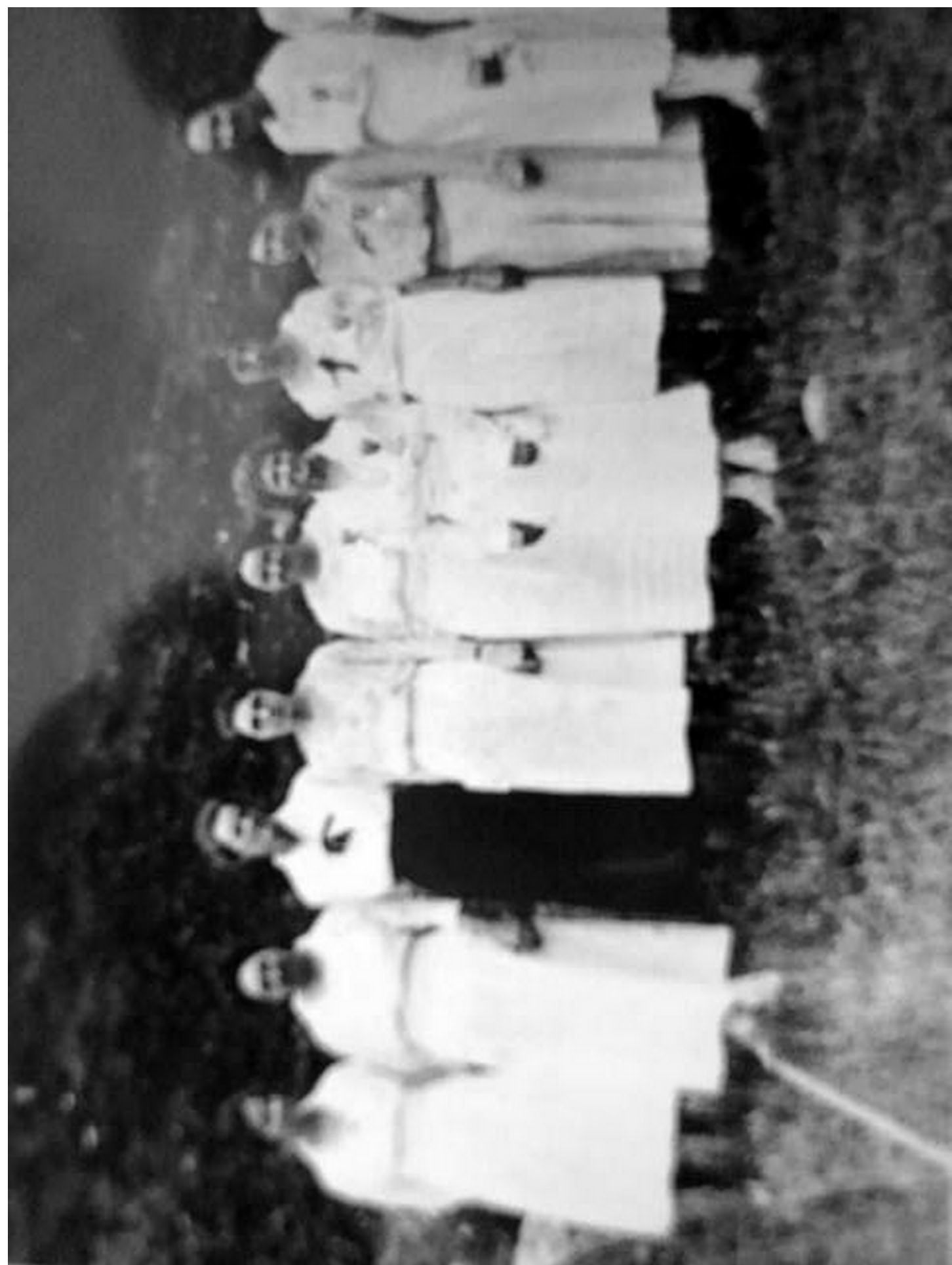


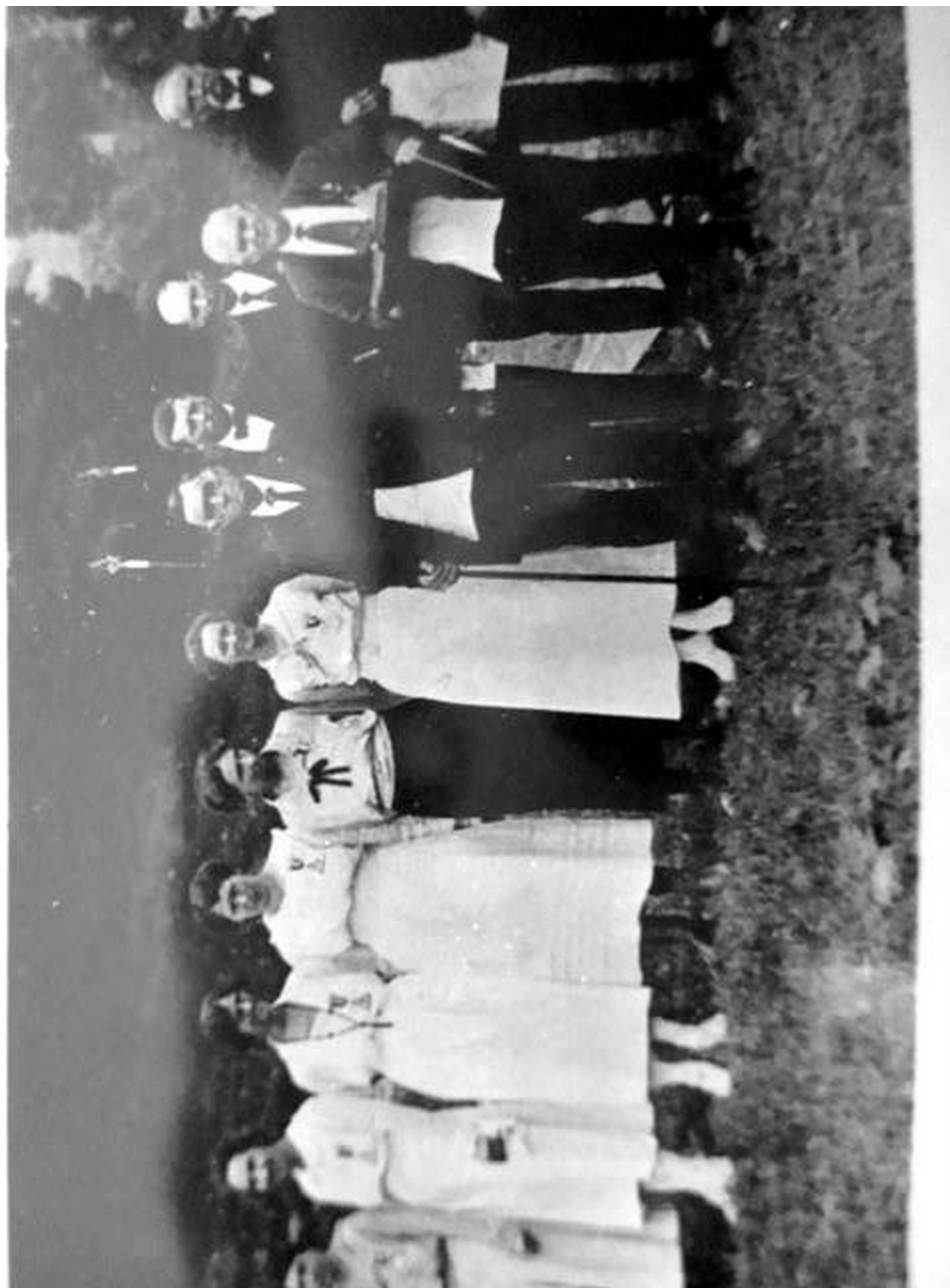


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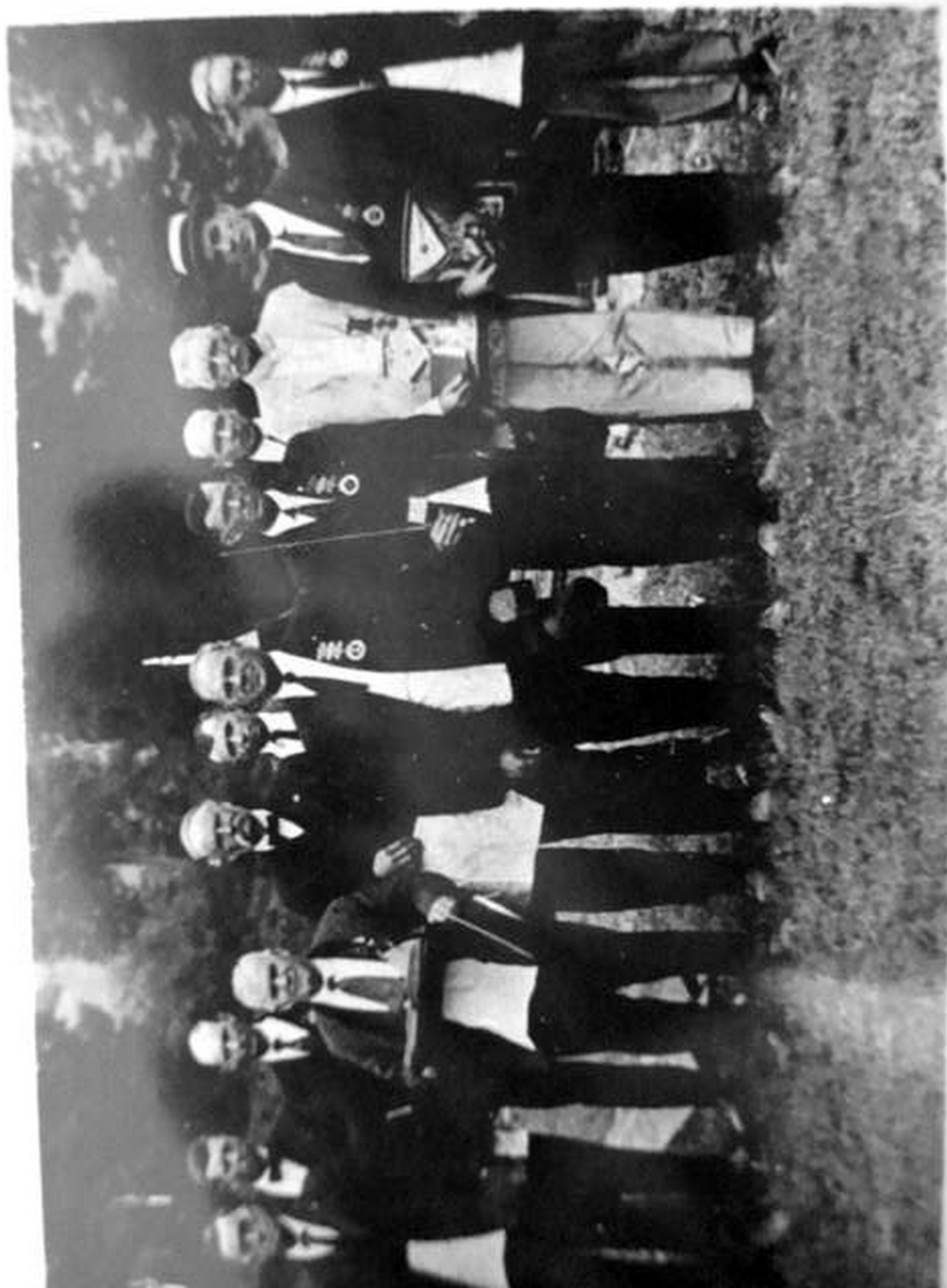












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Society

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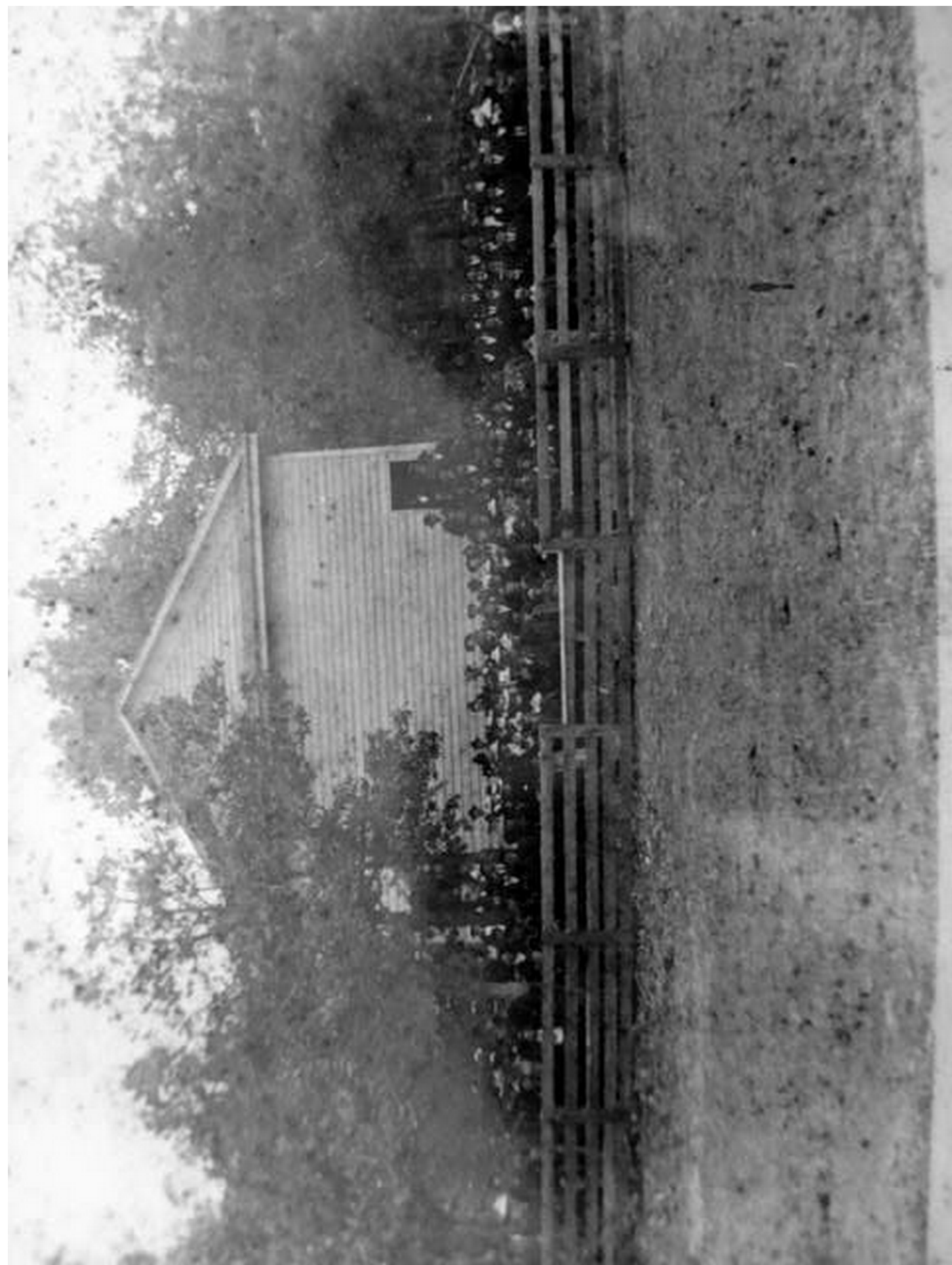
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Subject :

Church dedication - Swago Creek





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Source : Mrs E.C. Whanger

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Date :

Subject :

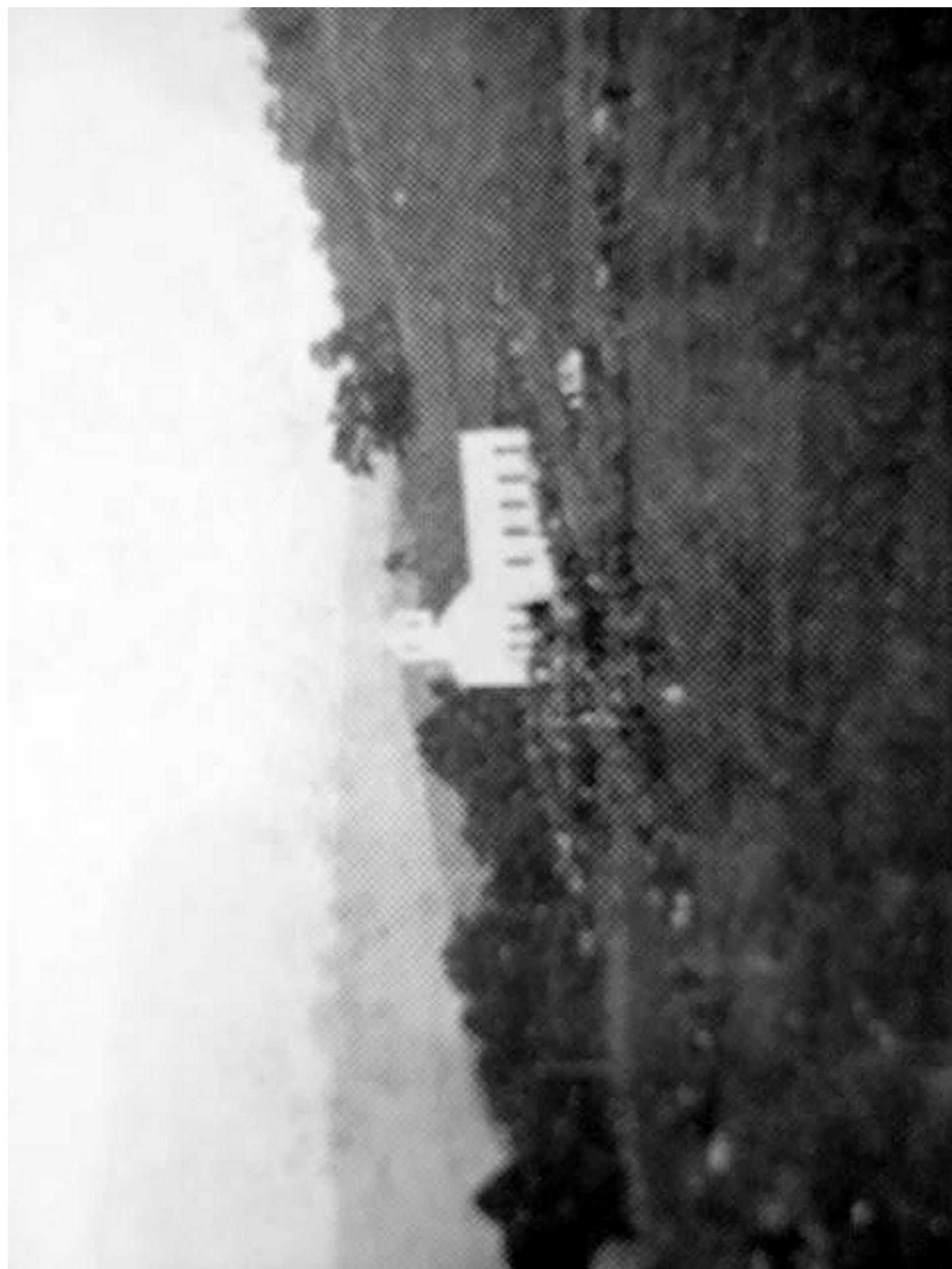
Top of Allegheny Church





Top Alleghany Battle Grounds.

Photo by J. A. Arbogast, Durbin, W. Va.



No.: 204 Source: Forrest Wooddell

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date: Christmas 1904

Subject :

Arboreale Church

standing, left-right; William H Wooddell,  
Wardel Arbogast, Earl Streatch, Sam  
Elliot, Dr. Moorman, Walter Ralston,  
Grady Arbogast, Forrest Wooddell, Luther  
Wooddell, ? , John Streatch over





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STANDING - WILLIAM H. WOODDELL - WARDEL ARBOGAST - EARL STREATCH - SAM ELLIOTT - DR. MOORE  
 SEATED - RALSTON - GRADY ARBOGAST - FINEST WOODDELL - LUTHER WOODDELL -  
 EARL STREATCH  
 SEATED - CLAUDE WOODDELL - CHARLIE ELLIOTT - CLAUDE CLADWELL - HARRY WOODDELL -









STANDING - WILLIAM H. WOODDELL - WARDEL ARBO  
WALTER RALSTON - GRADY ARBOGAST - FOREST  
JOHN STREATER  
SEATED - CLYDE E. WOODDELL & CHARLIE ELLIOT

BOCAST - EARL STREATCH - SAM ELLIOTT - DR. MOON A.  
WOODDELL - LUTHER WOODDELL -

T - CLAUDE GLADWELL - HARRY WOODDELL -

No.: 367

Source:

Mrs A.E.  
~~Wilbur~~ Burner

Original in the possession of:

source

Society

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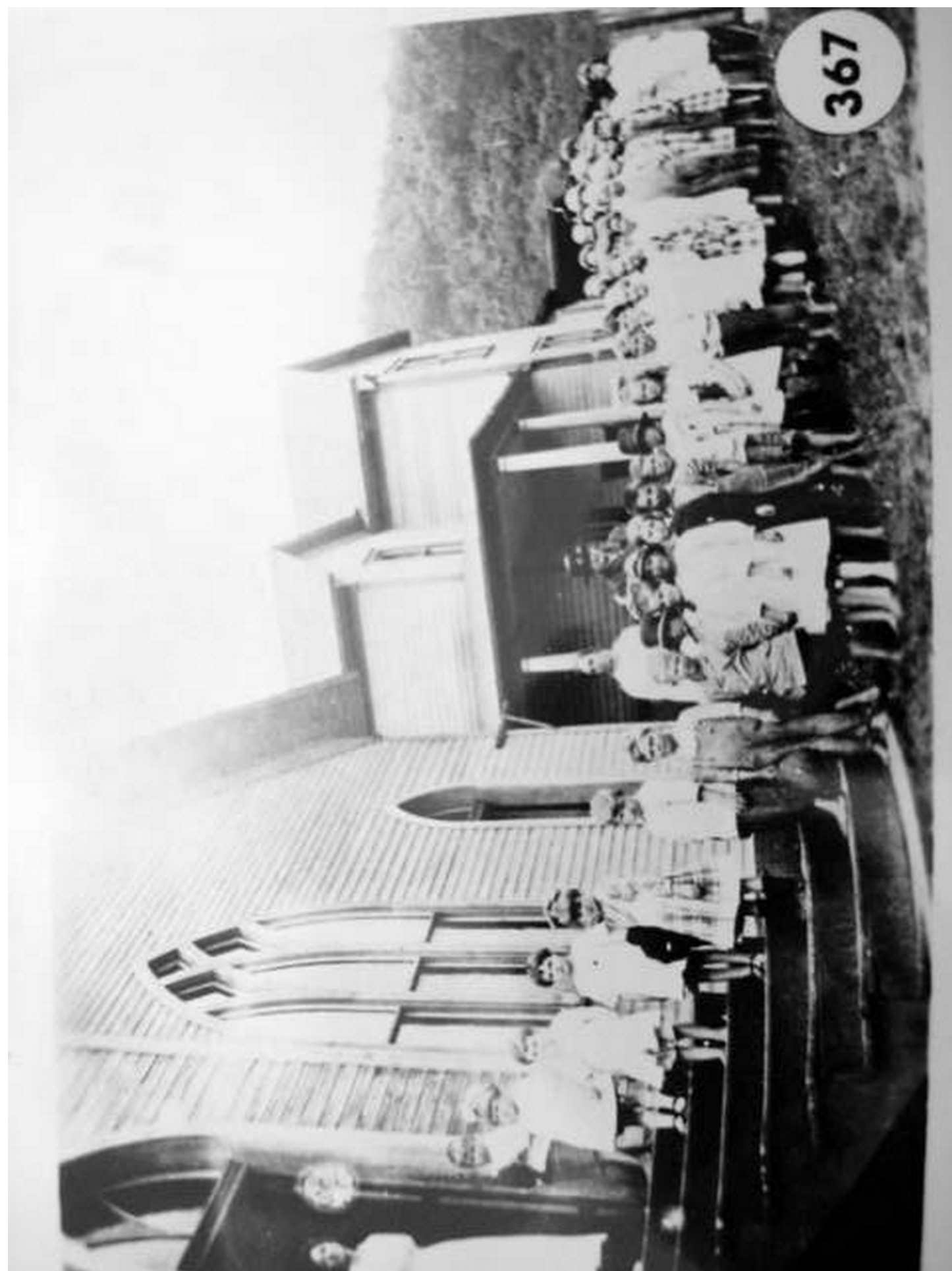
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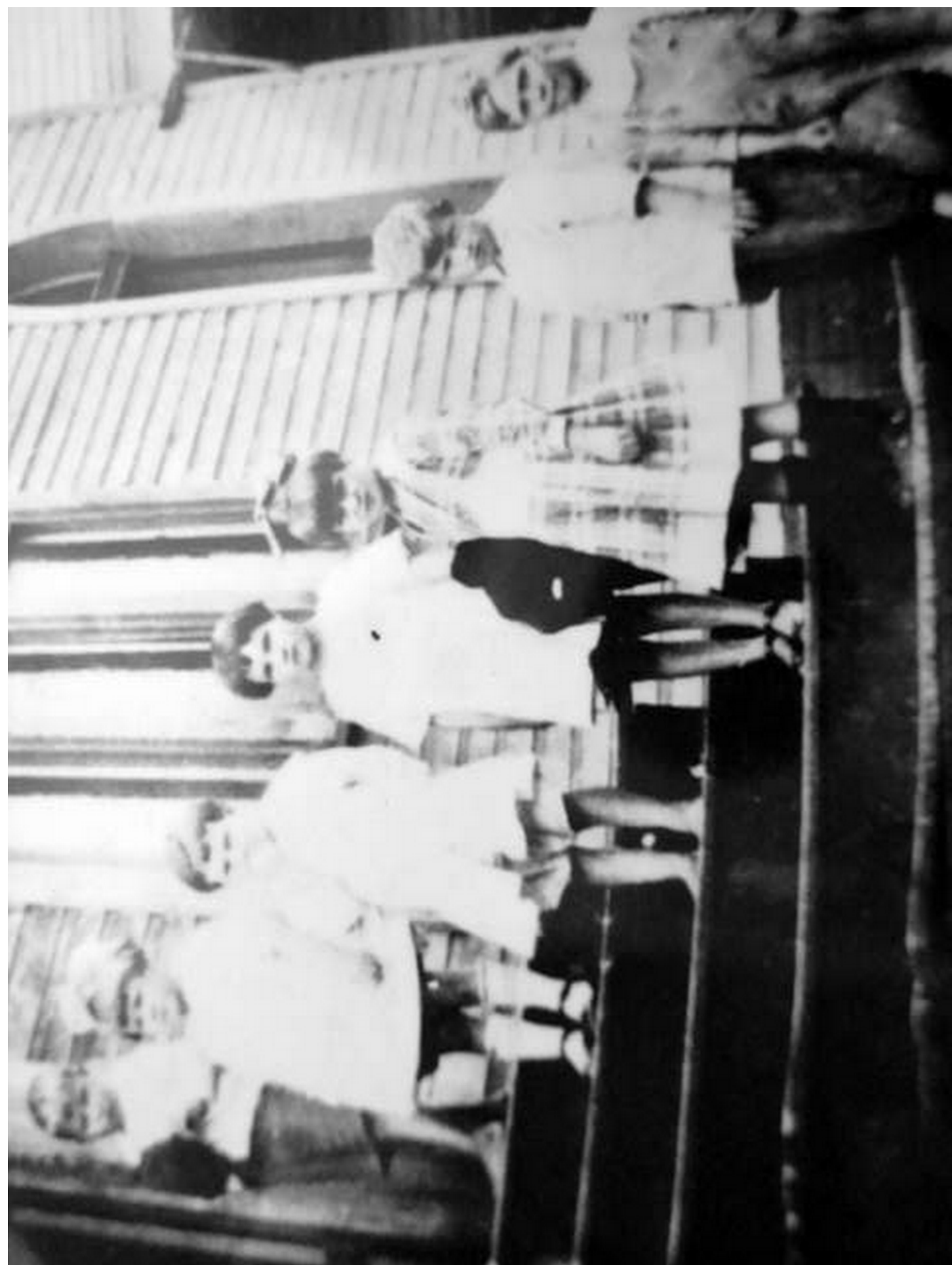
Subject:

Rehearsal for Childrens Day Program  
at Durbin Methodist Church

Adverts, L-R: Mrs A. E. Burner, Mrs.  
Wilbur Grogg, Mrs Ed. Hall









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No. : 426

Source :

Lillian Johnson

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Top of Allegheny Church



No. : 415

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Lillian Johnson

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albums

file

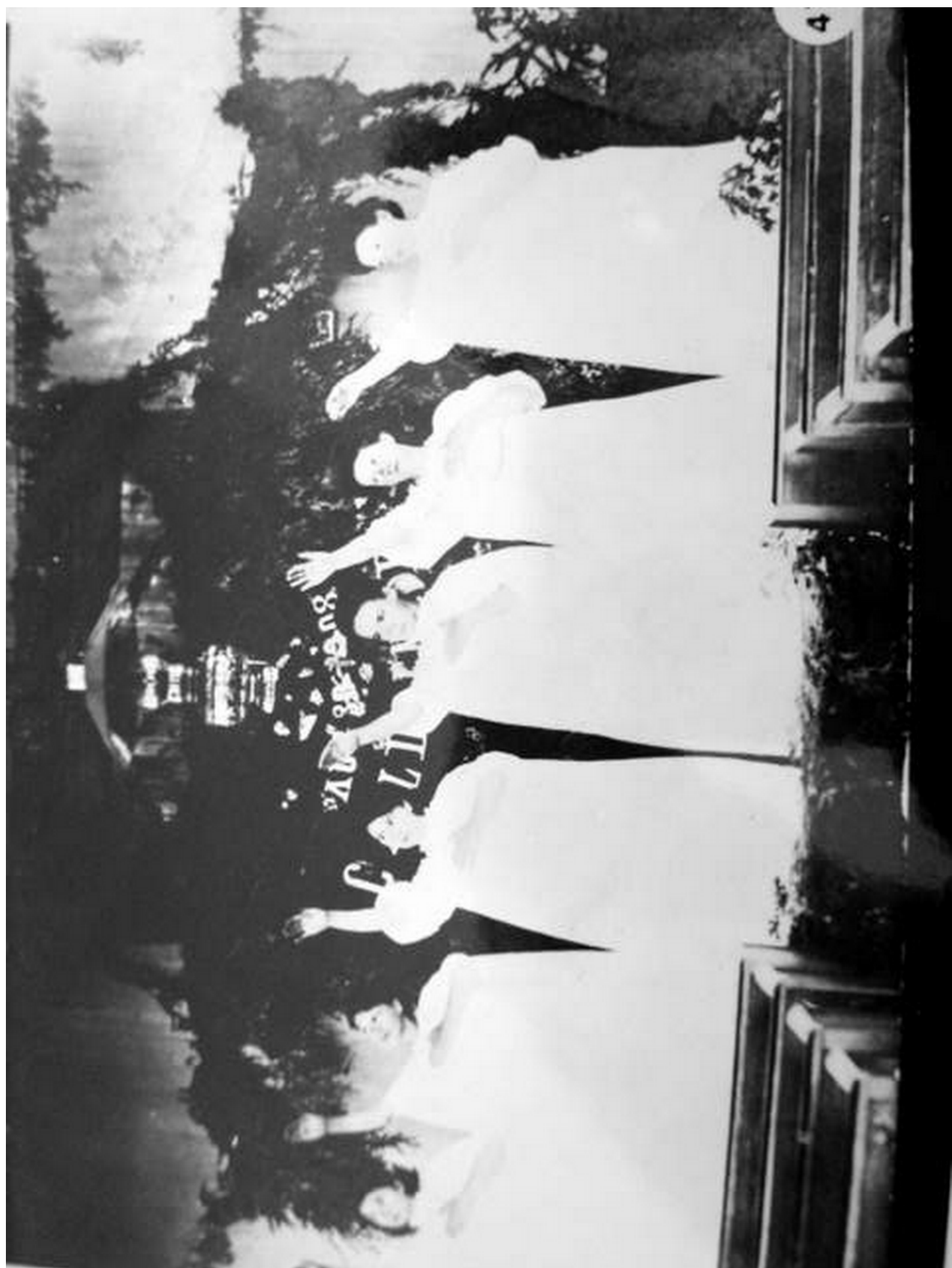
Date :

Subject :

Children's Day Program at Arbouale

L-R Wilma Beard, Mable Lambert, ?, ?, ?





No. : 416

Source :

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Group at Arboreale Xlense for rag  
cutting





No. : 439                      Source : Nancy Casse //

Original in the possession of :                      source                      Society

Print located in :                      albums                      file

Date :

Subject :

Dunmore Methodist Church Sunday  
School









No. : 440

Source : Mrs Claude Barkley

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

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file

Date :

Subject :

Picnic at Liberty Presbyterian  
Church









No. : 459

Source :

Original in the possession of :

Print located in : albums

Date : 1880's or 90's

Subject :

Group at Liberty Church

Society

source

file









No. : 493

Source : Mrs Moreau Keller  
Durbin

Society

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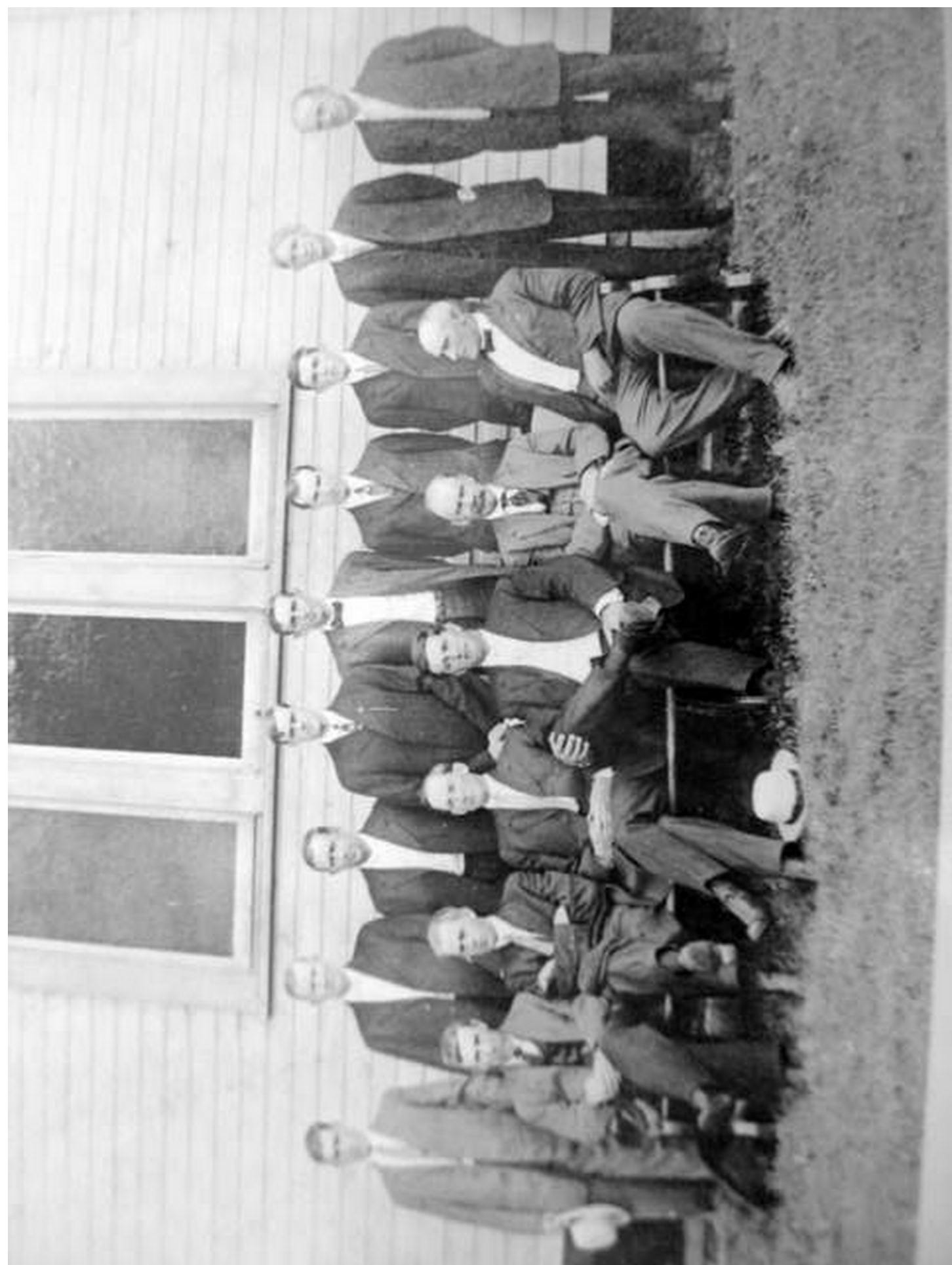
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Date :

Subject : Mens Bible Class, Durbin Methodist  
Church (Southern)

First Row, L-R: Lafayette Simmons, Jack  
Carpenter, Wardell Arbogast, H. E. White  
Alex Hardbarger, Ponce Kerr





No. : 496

Source :

Mrs D. A. Curry

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

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file

Date : C. 1903 - 1905

Subject :

Conference group at Hillsboro









No. : 583

Source :

Eugene Burner

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

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file

Date :

Subject :

Church group, Durbin Methodist  
Episcopal Church









No. : 651

Source : Winfred McElwee

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

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file

Date :

Subject :

Group at the Liberty Church, Green  
Bank









No. : 652

Source :

C. M. Pritchard

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

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file

Date :

Subject :

Group picture of men attending a  
meeting of Greenbrier Presbytery at  
Liberty Church, Green Bank



No. : 666

Source :

Nola Shears (Mr.  
Adolphus)

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

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Date : C. 1917

Subject :

Pine Grove

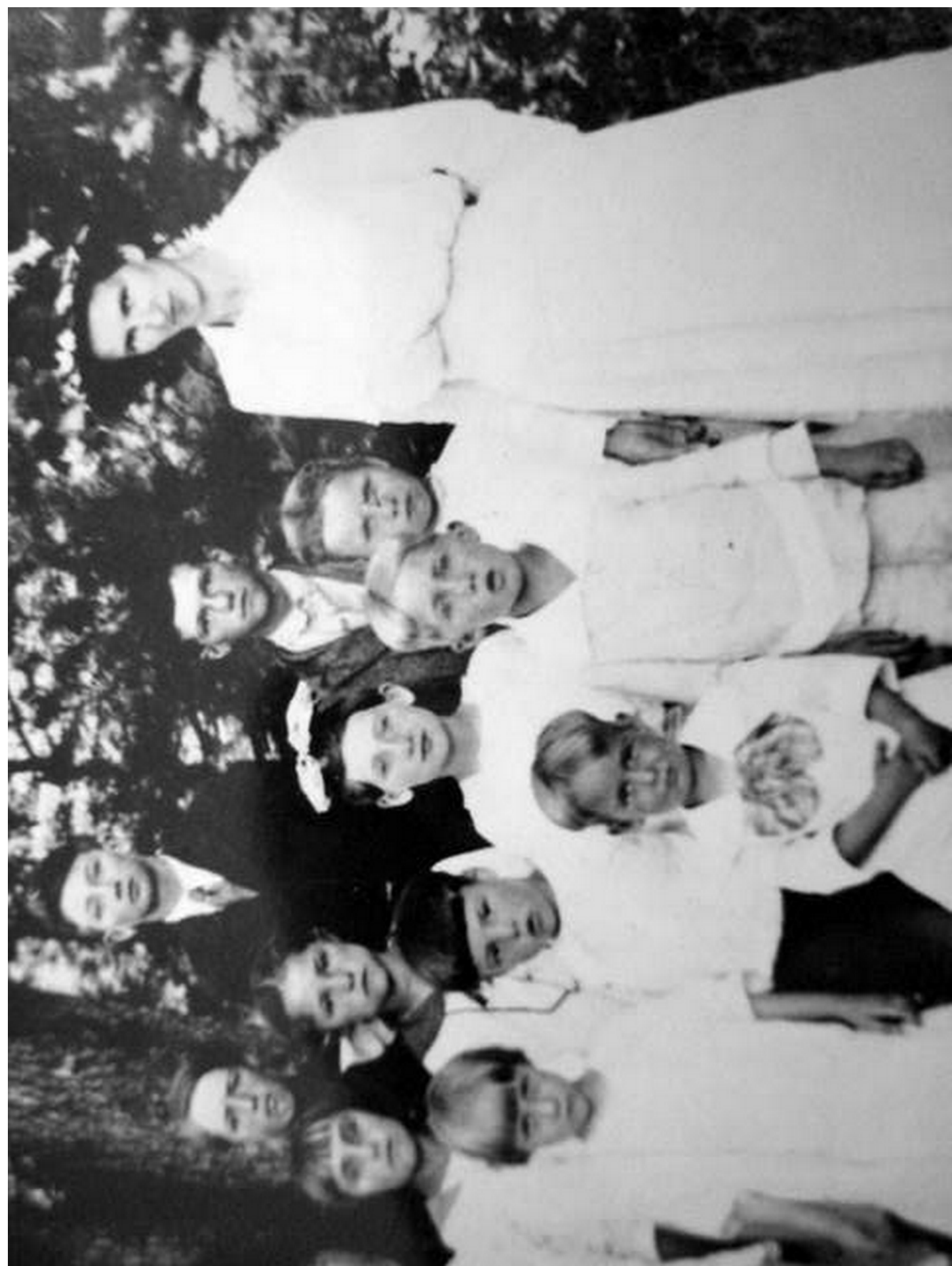
Sunday

School grounds









No. : 721

Source :

Edgar Arbogast

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

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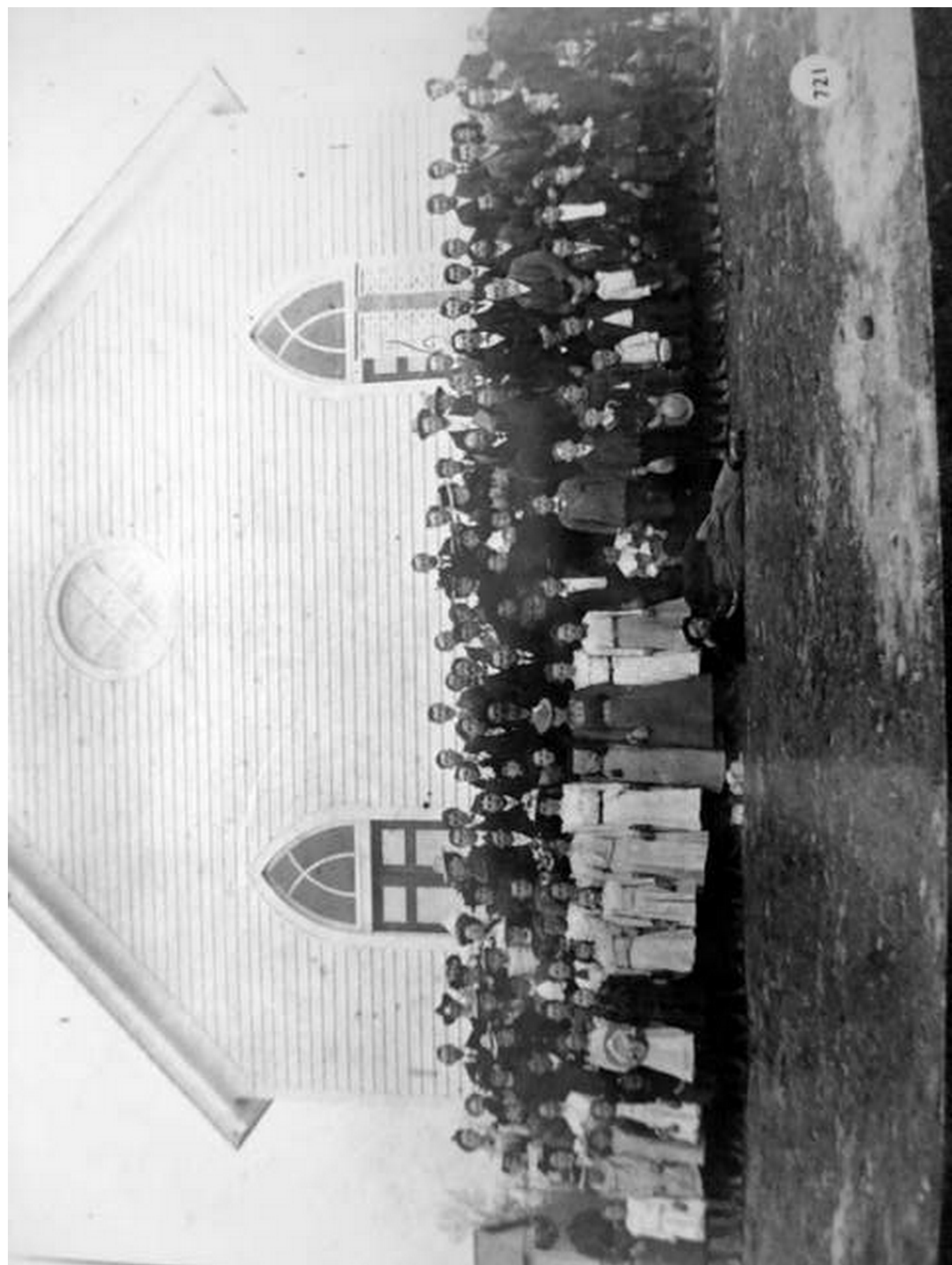
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Date :

Subject :

Group at the Arbouale Church









No. : 726

Source : Edgar Arbogast

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

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albums

file

Date : July 1895-

Subject :

"Basket Meeting", Top of Alleghen



726

BASKET MEETING  
JULY 21 1896







No.: 727

Source: Edgar

Arbogast

Original in the possession of:

source

Society

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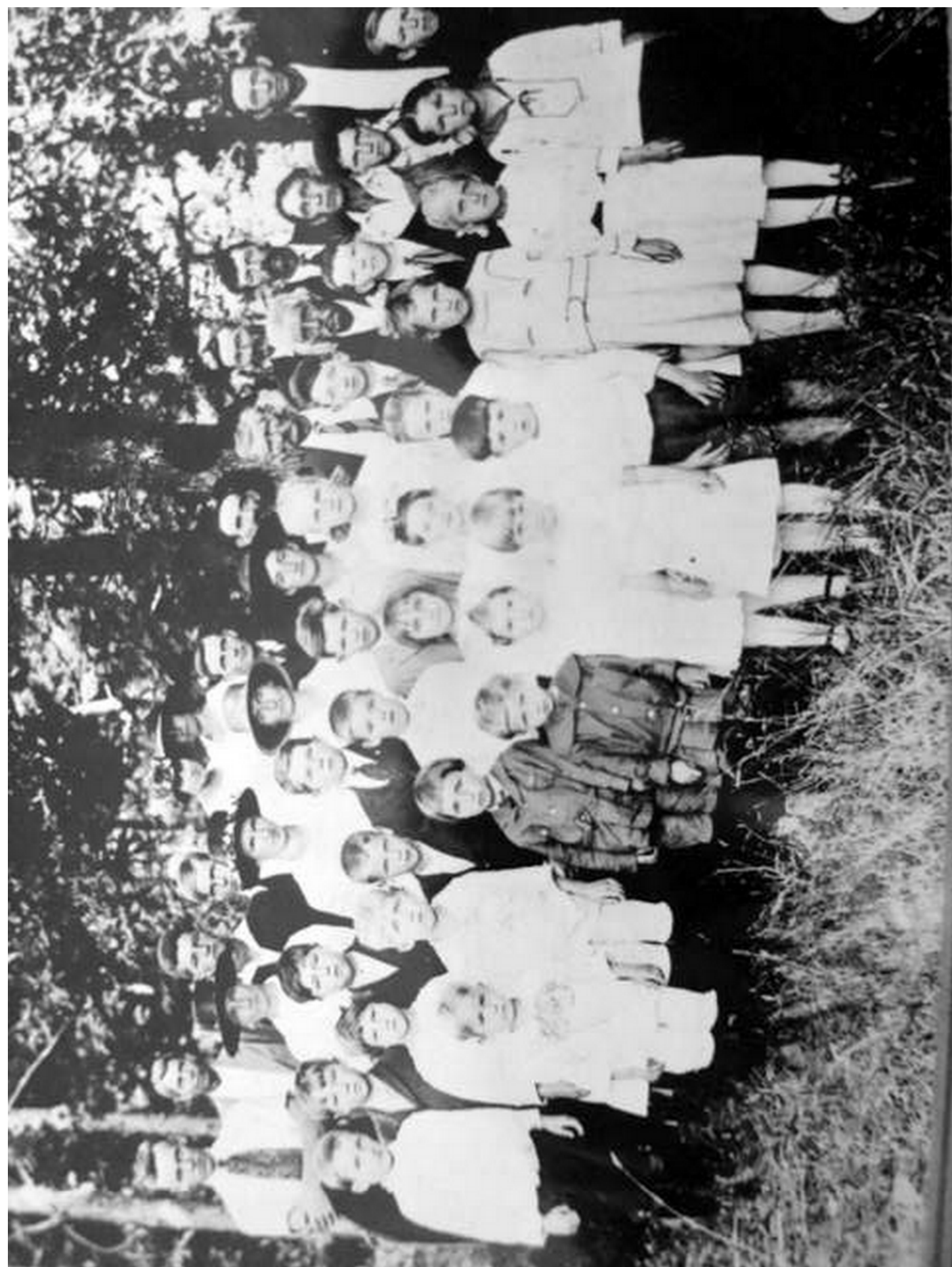
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Date:

Subject:

Sunday School group, Pine Grove  
Church





Rader

Seated, l-r:

D. O. Woods,

Arbogast, Herbert Sutton

Jesse Orndorff, Jo Riley,  
C. C. (Criss) Arbogast, Carl









No. : 1014                      Source : Amos Herold

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

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Date : 1910

Subject :

Westminster Presbyterian Church at  
Sunset on Knapps Creek



No. : 1114

Source :

Elsie Adkinson

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

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file

Date : About 1900

Subject :

Buckeye Church group

~~SD~~ Standing, 1-r:

Rev. Underwood, ?

, McNeill,

James McCollum, ?

, Johnnie Adkinson, ?

? , ?

?

, McNeill, ?

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No. : 1557

Source :

Eugene Burner

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

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file

Date : C. 1912

Subject :

Sunday School class, Southern  
Methodist Church, Durbin

First Row, L-R: Maude Burner, Mrs Harry  
Gunn, Virgie McClung, Viola Colaw  
Champlin, Mrs Mary Folk, Pearl Sizemore

Williams, Lexie Sutton Eades

Second Row, L-R: Mrs Houston White, Willa

Kerr Wilmoth, Miss Rebecca McKeever  
(Teacher), Mrs Minnie Doddrell, Mrs

H. G. Burr (minister's wife), Lela Hall  
Arbogast, Bettie Gurn Parg, Dacia  
Ashford Hudson

Third Row, L-R: Miss Lena McGraw

(Teacher), Martha Grimes, Ruth Low  
Edith Folk Allen





Durbin, Methodist  
Sunday School Class  
Church

No.: 1614

Source: Mrs Hymon McMillon

Original in the possession of:

source

Society

Print located in:

albums

file

Date: 1919

Subject:

Groups at the Mt Olive Church  
on Droop Mountain

Mr. Jim Shisler and Sunday School  
class



1614





No. : 2511

Source : Eula D Gibson

No. : 2005-

Source :

Mrs Hyman McMillan

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

Print located in :

albums

file

Date :

Subject :

Droop Church



2511

Source: Eula D Gibson

No.: 2155-

Source: Dr. N. R. Price

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

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file

Date: c. 1890

Subject :

Presbyterian Sunday School at  
Huntersville



Source :

No. : 2460

Source :

Dorthea Phillips Touchen  
10140 Purcell Rd  
Richmond, Va

Original in the possession of :

source

Society

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file

Date :

Subject :

Top Allegheny Church

Torn down in the late 1930's

No.: 2510

Source: Fula D Gibson

Original in the possession of:

source

Society

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file

Date:

Subject:

Mt. Pleasant Church  
Indian Draft



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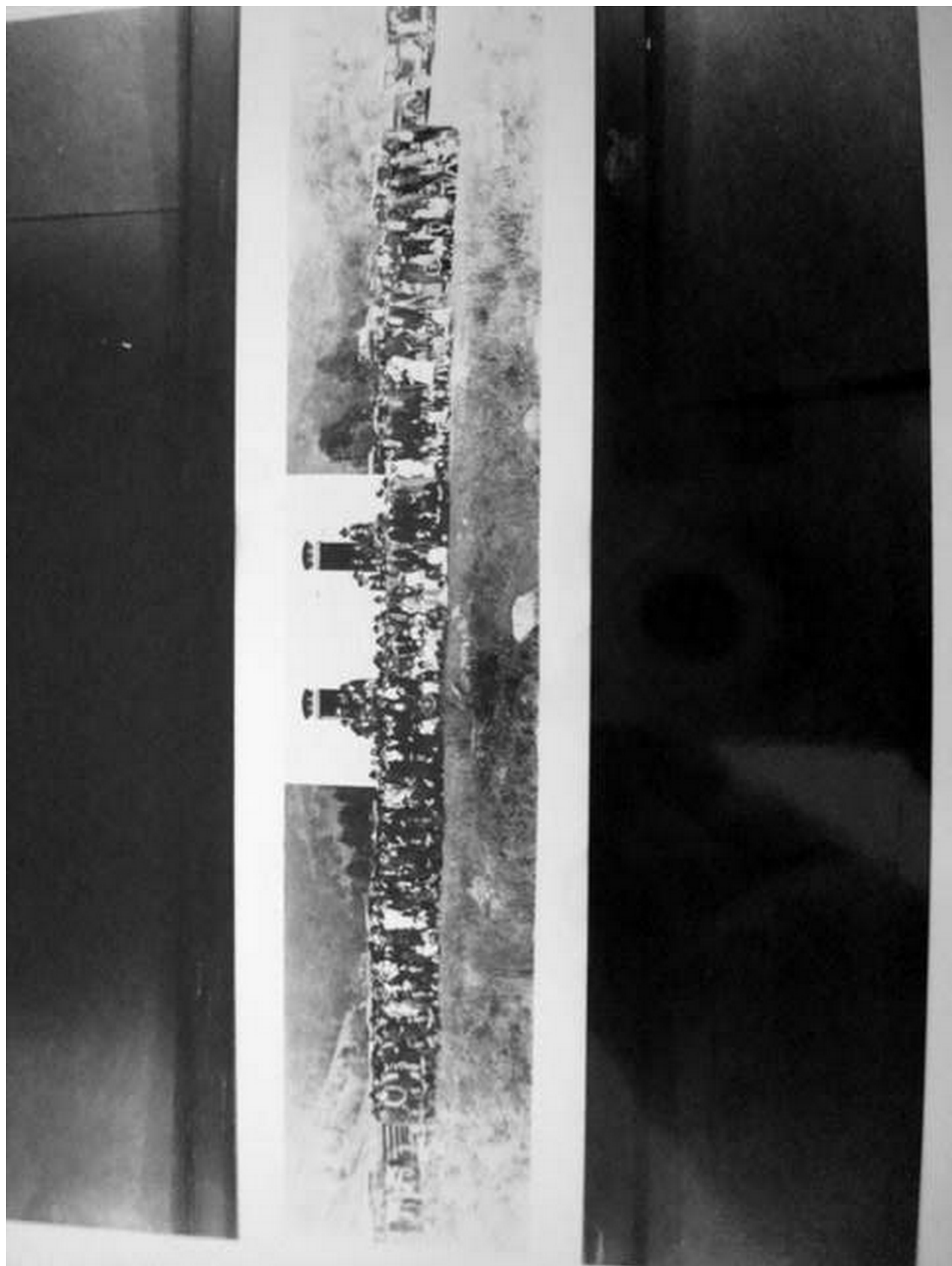
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Subject :

Hamlin Chapel, Stony Creek

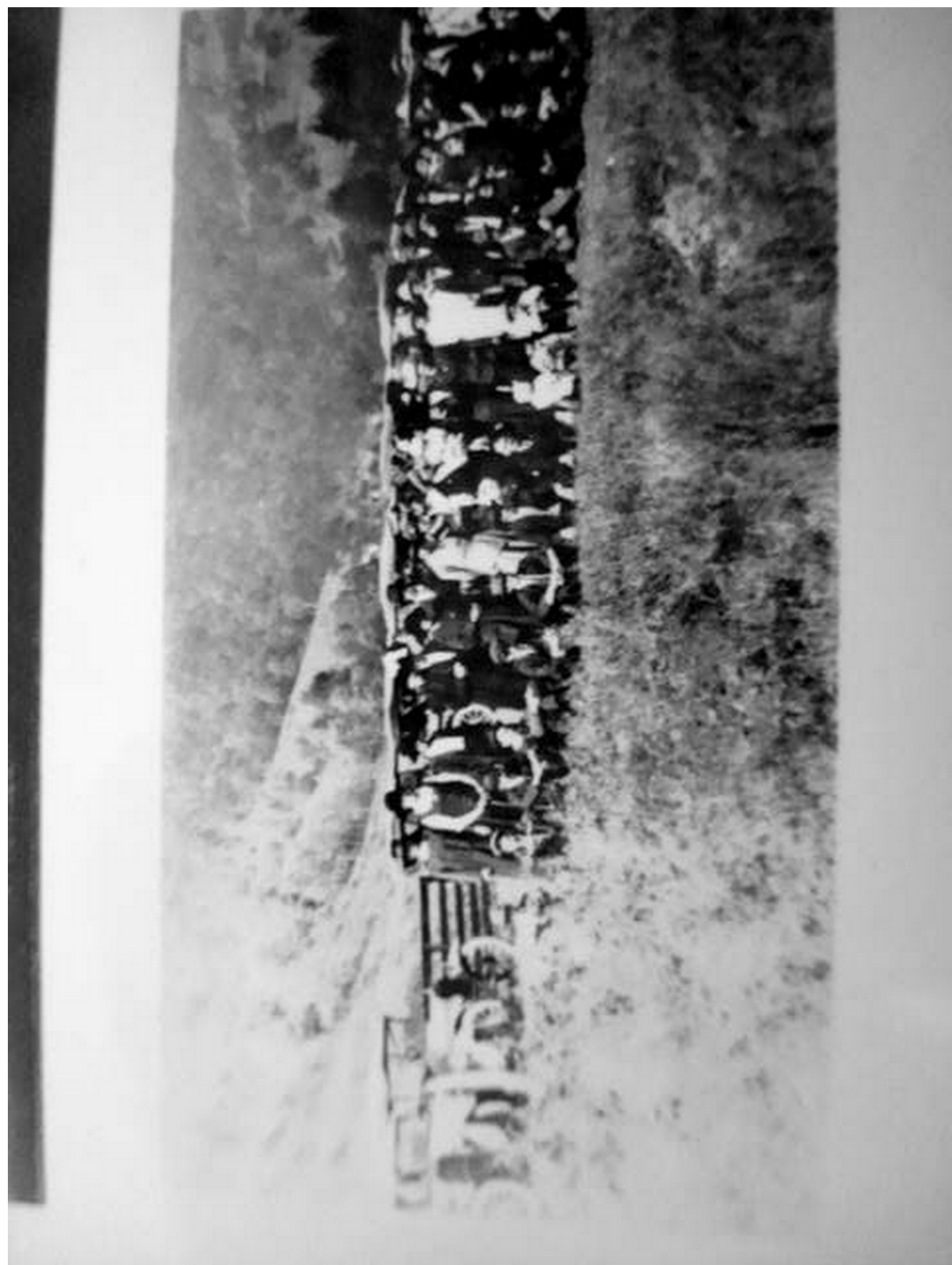


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Society

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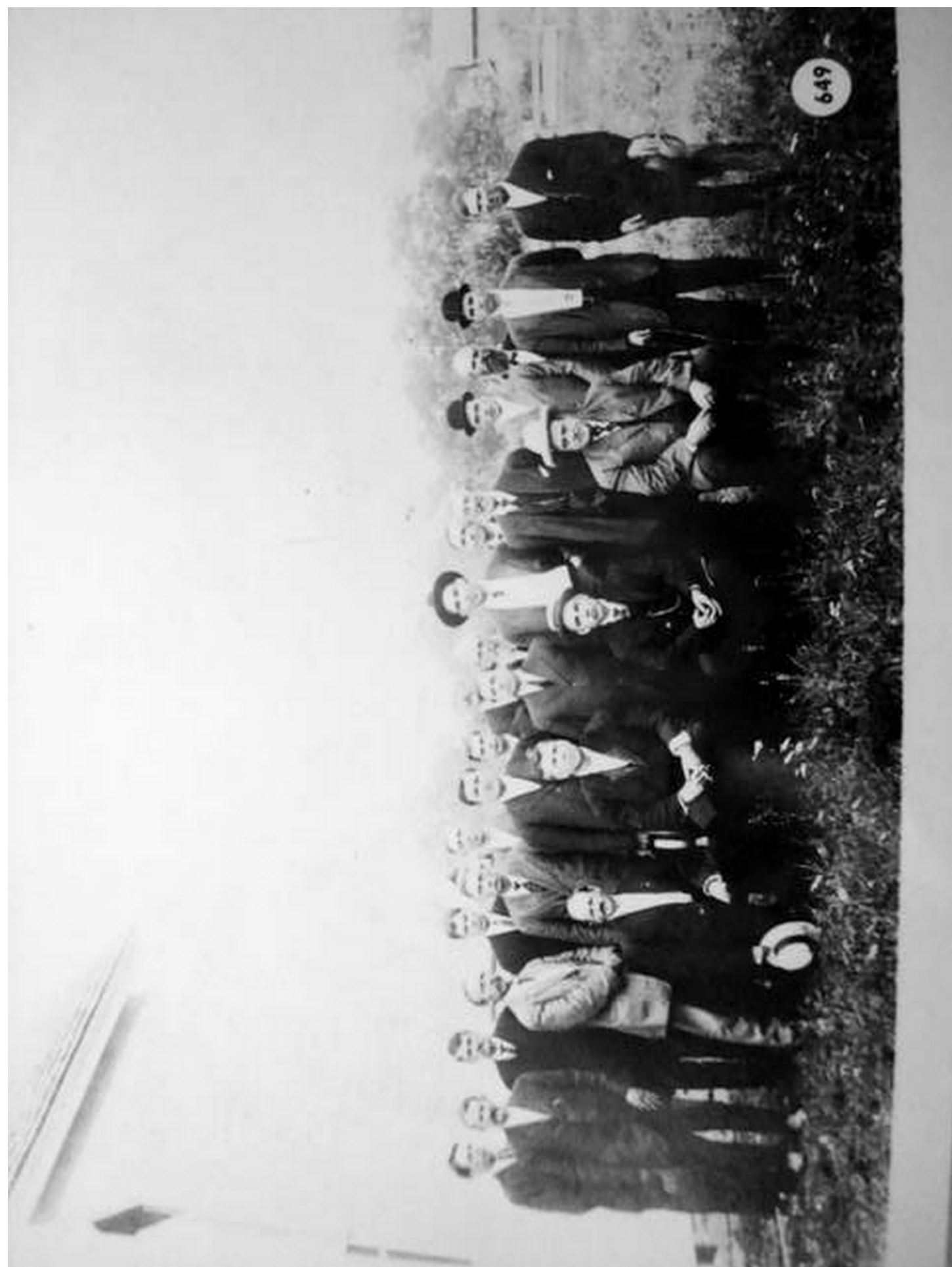
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Date :

Subject :

Unidentified church group



No. : 1089

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Kyle Beard

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source

Society

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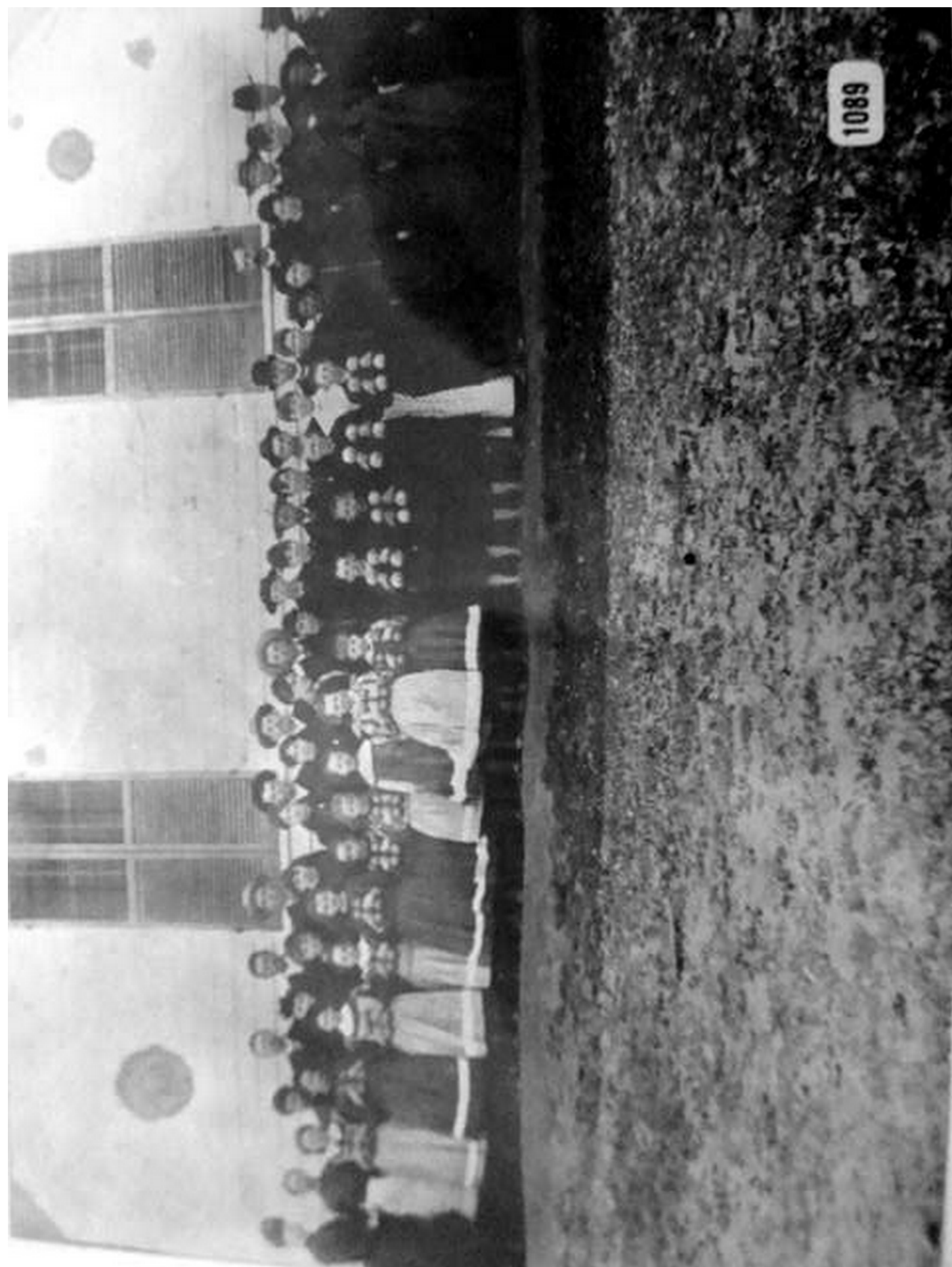
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Unidentified church group





1089

No. : 1113

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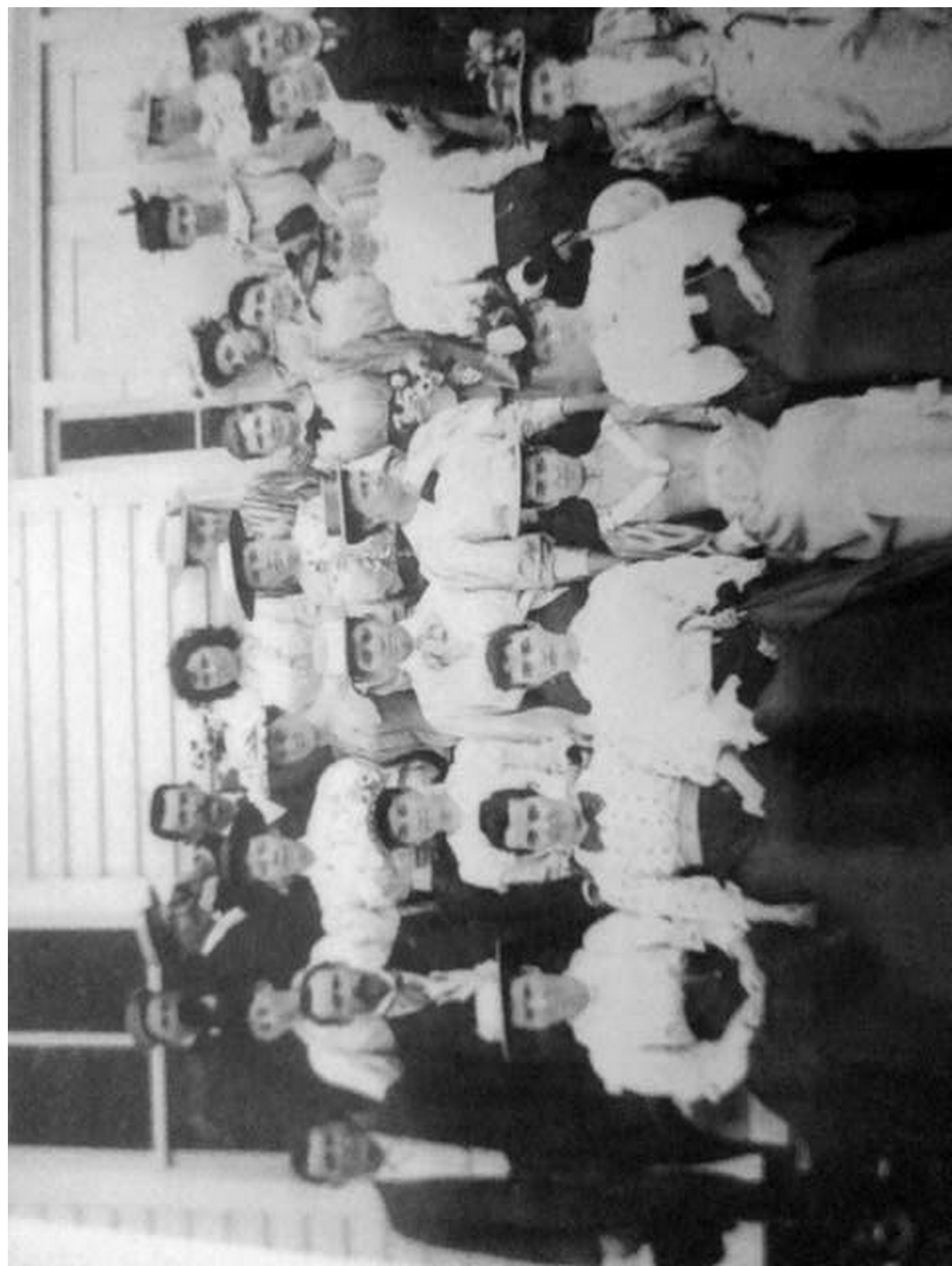
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Date :

Subject :

Unidentified church group









No. : 1175-

Source : Miss Genevieve Moore

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Society

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Date :

Subject :

Unident. Fied church group







